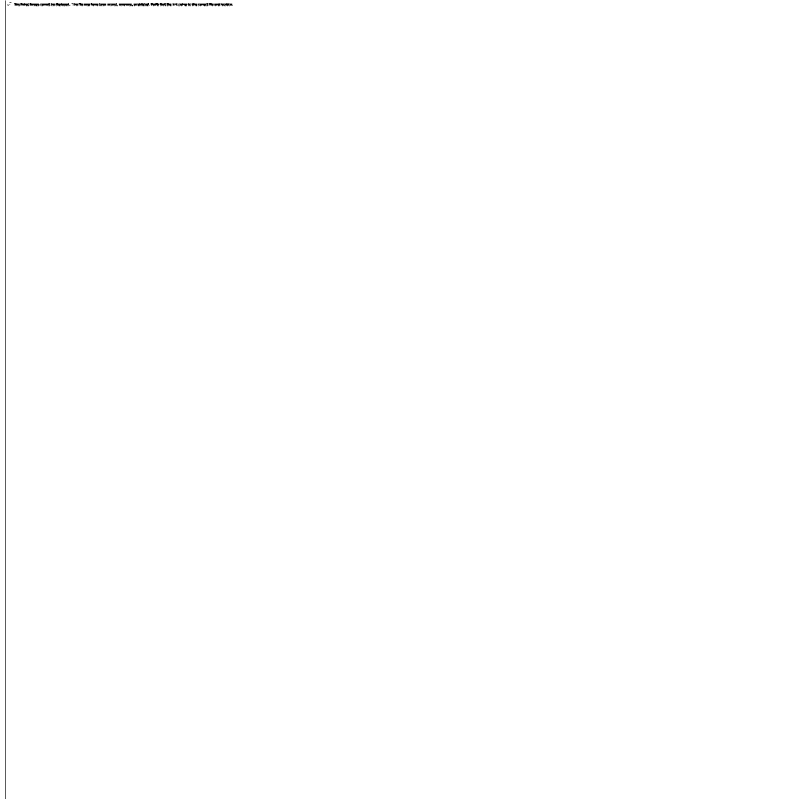
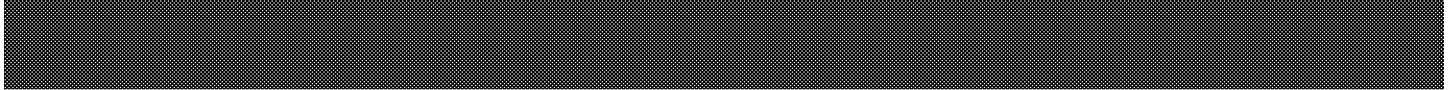


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By Sei Chong

Top Stories

- President Donald Trump is planning to impose \$60 billion in annual tariffs against more than 100 Chinese products, which are expected to be announced Friday, according to administration officials. Trump was initially presented with a \$30 billion tariff package, sources said, but Trump ordered them to roughly double the scope of the tariffs. (The Washington Post)

- Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt said in an interview that the EPA would stop using "secret science" in the rulemaking process, referring to non-public scientific studies. Under the new policy, regulators could consider only scientific studies that make their data available for public scrutiny. ([Daily Caller](#))
- GOP leaders and senior White House officials are rejecting last-minute attempts to tack on controversial policy riders as they seek to clear the way toward passage of a \$1.3 trillion spending bill before government funding expires on Friday. House Speaker Paul Ryan (R-Ky.) discussed the new spending bill in a House GOP Conference meeting last night, and the bill's release is expected to be released today. ([Politico](#))
- The Interior Department today will hold an auction of more than 51,000 acres in southeastern Utah for oil and gas development, including land near the boundaries of the former Bears Ears National Monument, which was scaled back by the Trump administration last year, and the Hovenweep and Canyons of the Ancients monuments. Conservationists say the Bureau of Land Management has not taken into account the potential impact of drilling in sensitive archaeological and wilderness sites. ([Reuters](#))
- Uber Technologies Inc. suspended testing of autonomous cars in Tempe, Ariz., Pittsburgh, San Francisco and Toronto after one of the cars, which had an emergency backup driver behind the wheel, hit and killed a woman on a street in Tempe. The accident is believed to be the first pedestrian death linked to self-driving technology. ([The New York Times](#))

Chart Review

The United States exported more natural gas than it imported in 2017

Energy Information Administration

Events Calendar (All Times Local)

TUESDAY

Electric Power Conference	7 a.m.
AWEA Wind Project Siting & Environmental Compliance Conference	7:30 a.m.
ClimateCon's Business of Climate Forum	7:45 a.m.

American Shore and Beach Preservation Association Coastal Summit	8 a.m.
Senate Energy and Natural Resources hearing on FY19 Energy Department budget	10 a.m.
Senate Clean Air and Nuclear Safety Subcommittee hearing on TVA board of directors nomination	10 a.m.
House Energy and Water Development Subcommittee hearing on National Nuclear Security Administration budget	10 a.m.
House E&C Energy and Environment subcommittees hearing on Nuclear Regulatory Commission budget	10:15 a.m.
House Indian Affairs Subcommittee oversight hearing on FY19 budget for Indian affairs	10:30 a.m.
House Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Mgmt Subcommittee hearing on 2017 wildfires	10:30 a.m.
House Federal Lands Subcommittee hearing on HR 5210, HR 2584	2 p.m.
Atlantic Council discussion on "Future of Solar Energy and the Role of American Leadership"	3:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Electric Power Conference	7 a.m.
American Coalition for Ethanol DC Fly-In and Government Affairs Summit	7:30 a.m.
AWEA Wind Project Siting & Environmental Compliance Conference	7:30 a.m.
American Shore and Beach Preservation Association Coastal Summit	7:45 a.m.
ClimateCon's Business of Climate Forum	7:45 a.m.

UtilityDive workshop on clean energy's impact on electric utility industry	8:30 a.m.
House Ways and Means Committee hearing with USTR Robert Lighthizer about trade policy	10 a.m.
Senate Environment and Public Works Committee hearing on Nuclear Regulatory Commission oversight	10 a.m.
House Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Subcommittee hearing on NOAA FY19 budget	10 a.m.
House Natural Resources Committee markup	10:15 a.m.
House Oversight Subcommittee on National Security hearing on hurricane recovery in Puerto Rico	2 p.m.
House Water, Power and Oceans Subcommittee hearing on FY19 Bureau of Reclamation spending	2 p.m.

THURSDAY

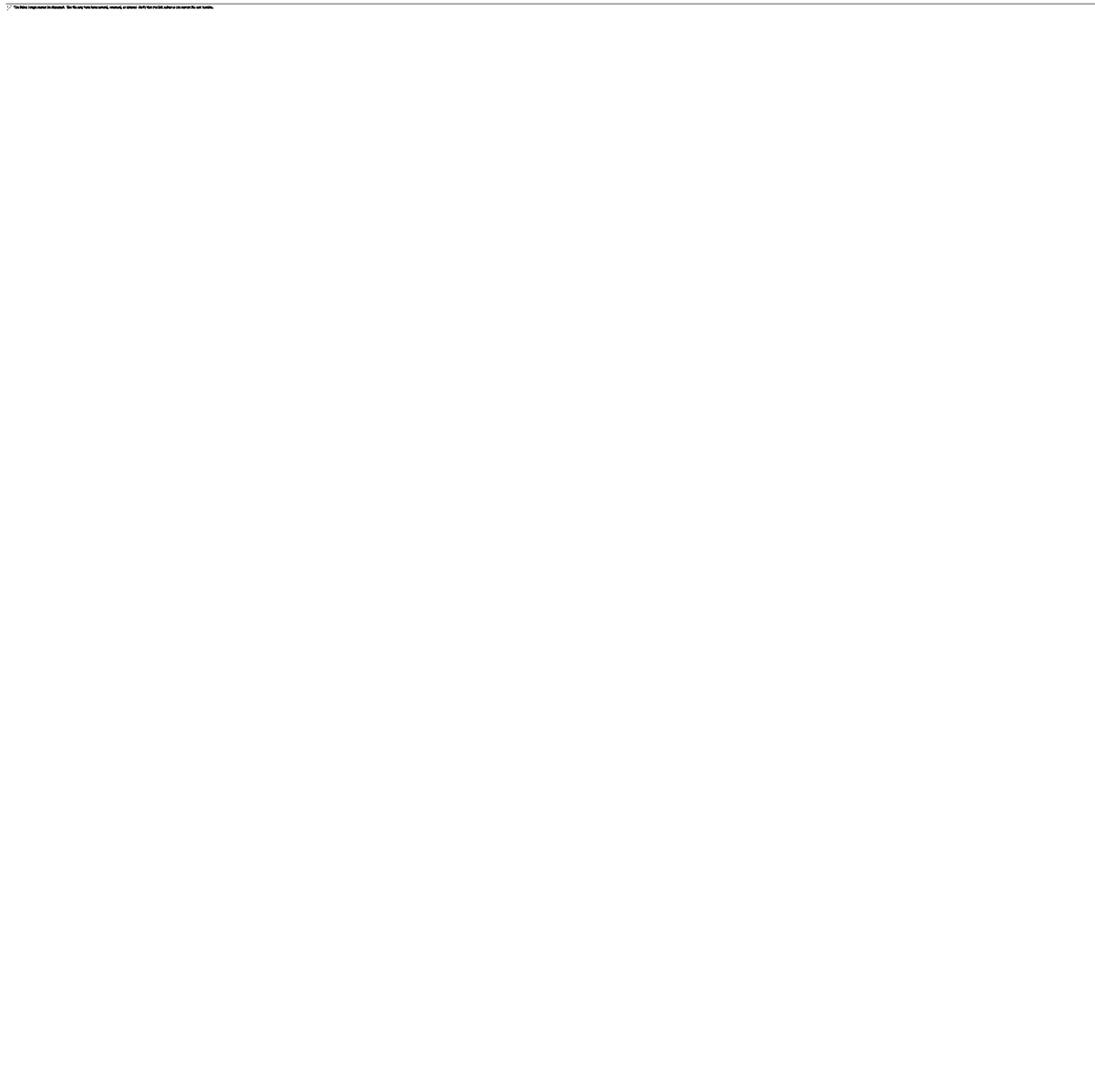
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American Shore and Beach Preservation Association Coastal Summit	8 a.m.
Wilson Center's China Environmental Forum discussion on China's energy ambitions	9 a.m.
House Energy and Water Development Subcommittee hearing on FY19 Applied Energy budget	9 a.m.
House Ways and Means Committee hearing with Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross about tariffs	9 a.m.
Senate Energy and Natural Resources hearing on Western water supply outlook and water infrastructure bills	10 a.m.

Senate Finance Committee hearing with USTR Lighthizer on the president's trade policy agenda	10 a.m.
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AEI discussion with Transportation Undersecretary Derek Kan on future of infrastructure policy	2 p.m.
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FRIDAY

Energy Institute at Haas POWER Conference on Energy Research and Policy	8 a.m.
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New Report: The Future of Retail

Insights into how consumers are reacting to changes in the retail industry, and what they're looking for in the future.

General

Trump prepared to hit China with \$60 billion in annual tariffs
Damian Paletta et al., The Washington Post

President Trump is preparing to impose a package of \$60 billion in annual tariffs against Chinese products, following through on a longtime threat that he says will punish China for intellectual property theft and create more U.S. jobs. The tariff package, which Trump plans to unveil by Friday, was confirmed by four senior administration officials.

Scott Pruitt Will End EPA's Use Of 'Secret Science' To Justify Regulations
Michael Bastasch, Daily Caller

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt will soon end his agency's use of "secret science" to craft regulations. "We need to make sure their data and methodology are published as part of the record," Pruitt said in an exclusive interview with The Daily Caller News Foundation.

Congress closes in on massive spending bill
Sarah Ferris et al., Politico

Congressional leaders and top White House officials are clearing the way for a massive \$1.3 trillion spending bill, scrapping several last-minute attempts to tack on controversial policy riders ahead of a Friday deadline to fund the government.

Self-Driving Uber Car Kills Pedestrian in Arizona, Where Robots Roam
Daisuke Wakabayashi, The New York Times

Arizona officials saw opportunity when Uber and other companies began testing driverless cars a few years ago. Promising to keep oversight light, they invited the companies to test their robotic vehicles on the state's roads. Then on Sunday night, an autonomous car operated by Uber - and with an emergency backup driver behind the wheel - struck and killed a woman on a street in Tempe, Ariz.

EPA to hold national summit on chemicals found in drinking water

John Siciliano, Washington Examiner

The Environmental Protection Agency said Monday that it will hold a two-day summit in May to address a chemical that has been seen as a drinking water contaminant.

Oil prices rise on Middle East tension, falling Venezuela output
Henning Gloystein, Reuters

Oil prices rose by almost 1 percent on Tuesday, lifted by a weak dollar, tensions in the Middle East and concerns of a further fall in Venezuelan output.

Oil and Natural Gas

U.S. Interior Department offers oil leases near Utah's wilderness monuments

Valerie Volcovici, Reuters

The U.S. Department of Interior on Tuesday will auction off more than 51,000 acres (21,000 hectares) in southeastern Utah for oil and gas development, over objections from conservationists, who say the move threatens sensitive archaeological and wilderness sites.

U.S. tariffs on China could hamper new LNG export projects along Gulf Coast

Collin Eaton, Houston Chronicle

New U.S. tariffs on Chinese goods could make it harder for U.S. liquefied natural gas exporters to tap into China's booming market and get investors to sink money into Gulf Coast projects.

Petroleum industry calls for 'flexible' process for considering exemptions to Trump's steel tariffs

Josh Siegel, Washington Examiner

The American Petroleum Institute on Monday called on the Commerce Department to show deference to affected industry groups when it considers exemptions to President Trump's 25 percent tariff on steel, just moments after Commerce issued guidance saying it would consider exemptions for products that are "unmet by domestic production or on specific national security considerations."

A small oil field in Oklahoma is seeing big bets from producers
John Benny, Reuters

A little-known shale oil play in Oklahoma is attracting more drilling and investment as rising output from newer wells is enticing companies to boost production beyond the giant Permian basin in Texas. The Meramec formation is a part of what is called the STACK region - Sooner Trend Anadarko basin Canadian and Kingfisher counties - where companies such as Marathon Oil and Devon Energy bought up acreage following the oil slump in 2014.

Safety inspectors to spend more time on offshore drilling platforms
Miranda Green, The Hill

The Interior Department's safety arm will soon increase its physical inspection time for offshore drilling.

SandRidge Energy Rejects Midstates Petroleum's Bid But Hires Advisers to Review Strategic Alternatives
Maria Armental, The Wall Street Journal

SandRidge Energy Inc. has rejected Midstates Petroleum Co.'s unsolicited offer, saying the numbers didn't make a deal feasible, but it has hired advisers and said it is open to other options-that may include Midstates.

Utilities and Infrastructure

Feds route millions to aging Minnesota electrical lines
Maya Rao, Star Tribune

As electrical systems age and decline in northwestern Minnesota, Runestone Electric Association is preparing to upgrade 180 miles of line and build 88 more with the help of federal loans. "A lot of the equipment is over 30 years old and pre-computers and electronic devices ... it's like going from an old rotary phone to a smartphone," said Al Haman,

manager of operations and engineering at the Alexandria-based utility company.

How Big Is the Peak Capacity Market for Batteries?

Julian Spector, Greentech Media

The age of storage serving peak power has only just begun, so the size of that market is very much up for debate. California has already halted a new gas plant in favor of deploying energy storage in its place.

Renewables

SunPower: Tariff Exclusion Would Free Funds to Open New US Solar Manufacturing Facilities

Julia Pyper, Greentech Media

Solar industry stakeholders filed applications with the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative last week seeking exclusions from the Trump administration's 30 percent tariff on imported solar products.

Coal

A complicated calculus keeps the remaining coal fleet alive

Peter Maloney, UtilityDive

It's no secret that the coal fleet in the U.S. is shrinking. The number of coal-fired power plants is roughly half it was about 10 years ago.

Could this 'clean coal' plant proposal be answer to Indiana's 17 billion tons of reserves?

Sarah Bowman and Emily Hopkins, IndyStar

When it comes to coal, the United States is what the Middle East is for oil. That fact is not lost on an industry competing for relevancy at a time when it's undersold by natural gas and renewable energy.

Nuclear

Nevada senators fight Yucca Mountain restart on two fronts

Gary Martin, Las Vegas Review-Journal

Trump administration efforts to revive the licensing process for a nuclear waste repository at Nevada's Yucca Mountain are being met with stiff resistance from Nevada's senators.

Why Oil-Rich Saudi Arabia Is Turning to Nuclear Power
Mahmoud Habboush and Bruce Stanley, Bloomberg

With the world's second-biggest proven reserves of oil, Saudi Arabia seems an unlikely aspirant to the nuclear-energy club. Yet the largest oil exporter plans to build at least 16 nuclear reactors over the next 25 years at a cost of more than \$80 billion.

Climate

The Arctic's carbon bomb might be even more potent than we thought
Chris Mooney, The Washington Post

For some time, scientists fearing the mass release of greenhouse gases from the carbon-rich, frozen soils of the Arctic have had at least one morsel of good news in their forecasts: They predicted that most of the gas released would be carbon dioxide, which, though a greenhouse gas, drives warming more slowly than some other gases.

How do you talk to Pruitt about climate change?
Niina Heikkinen, E&E News

U.S. EPA boss Scott Pruitt is skilled at sticking to his talking points, particularly when it comes to climate change. For journalists covering that issue, pushing Pruitt beyond his rhetoric has become more important as the EPA chief has become one of the Trump administration's highest-profile officials casting doubt on mainstream climate science.

McDonald's Tries to Boost Reputation by Cutting Greenhouse Gases
Leslie Patton, Bloomberg

McDonald's Corp., on a quest to boost sales by improving its image, is vowing to cut its greenhouse-gas emissions.

Can climate litigation save the world?
Damian Carrington, The Guardian

Courts are a new front line of climate action with cases against governments and oil firms spiralling, and while victories have so far been rare the pressure for change is growing

Canada's Outdoor Rinks Are Melting. So Is a Way of Life.
John Schwartz, The New York Times

Jack Williams and his sister, Cara, sat in their kitchen watching their backyard rink melt. "Dad calls it a big birdbath," said Jack, who is 12.

Opinions, Editorials and Perspectives

Renewable Energy Growth Is Surging and Boosting U.S. Economy
Isak Kvam, Morning Consult

A new report published this month highlights the rapid growth in renewable energy throughout the U.S. as the country moves toward a clean-energy economy. The 2018 Sustainable Energy in America Factbook was produced by the Business Council for Sustainable Energy by Bloomberg New Energy Finance, and it's chock full of good news for renewable energy, the U.S. economy and our low-carbon future.

All hail Ryan Zinke, our imperial viceroy
Dana Milbank, The Washington Post

Were these normal times, we would now be saying "sayonara" to Ryan Zinke. President Trump's secretary of the interior has inspired a half-dozen ongoing investigations into his travel expenses, his blending of official business with political activities and personal pleasure, and his whimsical management of a 70,000-person, 500 million-acre agency.

Drone Company Hangs On to Win Clean-Energy Bet
Matthew A. Winkler, Bloomberg

Clean earns more money. That's the mantra for investors reaping the reward of alternative energy outperforming fossil fuel. They've known since 2013 that you don't have to drive a Tesla or own its shares (they're up 826 percent) to benefit from green companies lapping the carbon crowd with superior perennial returns.

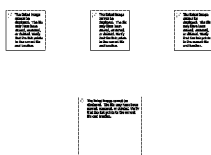
The Divestment Movement Gains Steam
Dennis Wamsted, Institute for Energy Economics & Financial Analysis

Fossil fuel divestment took center stage during a good part of IEEFA's annual conference last week in New York, with experts and government officials weighing in in detail on the burgeoning movement.

Research Reports

Groundswell : Preparing for Internal Climate Migration **Kanta Kumari Rigaud et al., World Bank**

This report, which focuses on three regions-Sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, and Latin America that together represent 55 percent of the developing world's population-finds that climate change will push tens of millions of people to migrate within their countries by 2050.



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